

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of September 5, 2013

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, September 5, 2013, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Chairman Stein at 1:05 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Robert Stein
Chairman
James J. Murphy
Vice Chairman
Robert Hannon
(designee for Commissioner Esty)

Philip T. Ashton
Daniel P. Lynch
Barbara Currier Bell
Edward S. Wilensky

Council Members Absent:

Michael Caron
(designee for Chairman House)

Staff Members Present:

Melanie Bachman
Acting Executive Director/Staff Attorney
Fred Cunliffe
Siting Analyst Supervisor

Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst
David Martin
Siting Analyst

Staff Members Absent:

Christina Walsh
Siting Analyst Supervisor

Recording Secretary:

Carriann Mulcahy

Minutes of August 22, 2013.

Mr. Wilensky moved to approve the minutes of August 22, 2013, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ashton stepped away as he is recused from the following proceeding.

DOCKET NO. 190B – Meriden Gas Turbines, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for a 530 MW combined cycle generating plant in Meriden, Connecticut. Reopening of this docket pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 4-181a(b) limited to Council consideration of changed conditions and Decommissioning Plan. Draft Findings of Fact.

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Chairman Stein conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members with Dr. Bell, Mr. Wilensky, Mr. Hannon, and Chairman Stein in favor of finding changed conditions, and with Mr. Lynch and Mr. Murphy opposed to finding changed conditions.

Chairman Stein conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members in regards to a decommissioning plan with Mr. Lynch, Mr. Wilensky, Mr. Murphy, Dr. Bell, Mr. Hannon, and Chairman Stein in favor of the certificate holder carrying out the provisions of the original Decision and Order with limitations specified by the Council.

Chairman Stein directed staff to draft an Opinion and Decision and Order to be reviewed at the next meeting.

Mr. Ashton returned.

DOCKET NO. 428 – New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at Roxbury Tax Assessor Parcel ID #32-008 off of Route 67, Roxbury, Connecticut. Development & Management Plan.

Mr. Wilensky moved to approve the development and management plan, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 431 – South Norwalk Electric and Water Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of an electrical substation and its connection to an existing 115 kV transmission line, located at 180 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Norwalk, Connecticut. Development & Management Plan Phase III.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the third phase of the development and management plan, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stein stepped out of the room as he is recused from the following matter. Vice Chairman Murphy presided over the discussion on the matter.

DOCKET NO. 435 - The Connecticut Light & Power Company Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Stamford Reliability Cable Project, which consists of construction, maintenance, and operation of a new 115-kV underground transmission circuit extending approximately 1.5 miles between Glenbrook and South End Substations, Stamford, Connecticut and related substation improvements. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order, as amended, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stein resumed the Chair.

DOCKET NO. 437 – New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 111 Second Hill Road, Bridgewater, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order, as amended, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed with Chairman Stein abstaining.

DOCKET NO. 438 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at one of two sites: 596 Pendleton Hill Road or 53 Gallup Road, Voluntown, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.

Dr. Bell moved to approve the Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 440 – New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 522 Colebrook Road, Colebrook, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Custodian of the Docket, Deposition of the Transcript, Request for Party/Intervenor Status.

Mr. Ashton moved to deem the application as complete, approve the schedule for processing the docket as per staff recommendations, the appointment of Carriann Mulcahy as custodian of the docket, the deposition of the transcript in the Town of Colebrook, a public field review and hearing in Colebrook on Thursday, October 24, 2013; seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1056 - GRE 314 East Lyme, LLC declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction

and operation of a 5.0 MW Solar Photovoltaic Renewable Energy Generating Project located on Grassy Hill Road and Walnut Hill Road, East Lyme, Connecticut. Development & Management Plan.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Development & Management Plan, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1068 – BE 2012 A LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the location and construction of a Customer-Side 400 kW Fuel Cell to be located at AT&T, 26 Washington Street, New London, Connecticut. Set Date for Decision.

Mr. Murphy moved to table this item, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Matters.

PETITION NO. 973 – North Atlantic Towers, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required to replace and expand an existing structure located at 880 Andrew Mountain Road, Naugatuck, Connecticut. Revision to D&M Plan.

Mr. Ashton moved to add this item to the agenda, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the revisions to the development and management plan, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

Updated on Executive Director position.

Mr. Murphy moved to appoint Melanie Bachman as the Council's Executive Director, subject to negotiations with Human Resources and OPM, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

The following calendar events were discussed.

- ❖ Tuesday, September 10, 2013, Docket No. 439 (MCM/AT&T) **2:30 p.m.** Field Review and **3:30 p.m.** Public Hearing in New London.

- ❖ Thursday, September 19, 2013, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- ❖ Thursday, October 3, 2013, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- ❖ Thursday, October 17, 2013, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

Adjournment.

Mr. Lynch moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Stein
Chairman

RS/cm